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1. SUMMARY: GOVERNMENT HAS RELEASED THREE DETAINED PROTESTORS (JULIUS USMAN ET AG L ON EVE OF RESUMPTION OF DEBATE TIER MARRIAGE BILL. END SUMMARY.

2. ACCORDING PRESS, JULIUS USMAN AND TWO FIRENDS WHO WERE DETAINED FOLLOWING PROTEST IN FRONT OF NATIONAL PLANNING AGENCY (REFTEL) WERE RELEASED DECEMBER 6. USMAN COLLEAGUE BOETJE RUMAMURY PROMPTLY PROTESTED DETENTION WITHOUT DUE PROCESS. HE DENIED POLICE ALLEGATION THAT HE (BEOTJE) HAS ALSO BEEN INVOLVED IN NARCOTICS ABUSE AND SAID HE HAS SUPPLIED A BLOOD TEST AT UNIVERSITY OF INDONESIA WHICH WOULD PROVE HIS POINT. MEANWHILE JAKARTA GARRISON COMMANDER BRIG GEN MANTIK OPINED OM PRESS THAT PROTEST ACTIONS HAD

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BEEN PERMITTED SINCE MID-OCTOBER AND THERE HAD NOW BEEN

"ENOUGH".

3. LEADERS OF MAJOR UNIVERSITY STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS (MOSLEM HMI AND PMII, CATHOLIC PMKRI, PROTESTANT GMKI, NATIONALIST GMNI AND INDEPENDENT SOMAL) ISSUED MODERATE STATEMENT TO EFFECT THAT A "HIDDEN MECHANISM"(OBVIOUS REFERENCE TO CORRUPTION AND INFLUENCE PEDDLING) HAD DAMAGED COURSE OF DEVELOPMENT UNDER FIRST FIVE YEAR PLAN. MEMORANDUM CALLED FOR MORE POPULAR PARTICIPATION, MORE SOCIAL JUSTICE AND LESS GNP-ORIENTATED APPROACH IN SECOND PLAN PERIOD BEGINNING APRIL 1974. (COMMENT: THESE "EFKA UNIVERSITY" ORGANIZATIONS MOST OF WHICH WERE COMPONENTS OF OLD KAMI FEDERATION HAVE THUS FAR PLAYED LITTLE ROLE IN RECENT ECONOMIC CRITIQUE, WHICH HAS BEEN DOMINATED BY BANDUNG STUDENT COUNCILS AND AD-HOC GROUPS FROM UNIVERSITY OF INDONESIA.)

4. FOUR MEMBERS OF ISLAMIC YOUTH GROUP GMII (GENERASI MUDA ISLAM INDONESIA) VISITED PARLIAMENT DECEMBER 5 AND EXPRESSED STRONG DISAPPROVAL OF MARRIAGE BILL, DEBATE ON WHICH WAS SCHEDULED TO RESUME TODAY. THEY ALSO INQUIRED ABOUT FATE OF GMII COLLEAGUE CHOLIS RUHENDI WHO THEY SAY HAS BEEN DETAINED SINCE SEPTEMBER 27 DEMONSTRATION IN PARLIAMENT. (GROUP OF ABOUT 100 YOUTHS ALSO PROTESTED RUHENDI'S DETENTION AT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE ON DECEMBER 4; POLICE REPORTEDLY HAVE DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF HIS WHEREABOUTS.) ACCORDING DAILY NUSANTARA GROUP HAD A FEW CUTTING

THINGS TO SAY ABOUT ROLE OF PARLIAMENT--EG, IT WOULD BE BETTER IF "HONORABLE" MEMBERS WERE REPLACED BY BECAK(PEDICAB) DRIVERS WHO UNDERSTOOD THE SUFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE.

5. COMMENT: ACCORDING EDITORIAL IN DECEMBER 5 ISLAMIC DAILY ABAD, (WHICH FORMERLY BITTERLY OPPOSED TO MARRIAGE BILL) ISLAMIC PARTY LEADERS AND GOVERNMENT HAVE REACHED COMPROMISE ON MOST POINTS. ACCORDING OTHER SOURCES, THERE IS STILL SERIOUS DISAGREEMENT OVER LANGUAGE WHICH WOULD (IN MUSLIMS VIEW) GIVE JAVANESE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MYSTICISM (KEPERCAYAAN) EQUAL STATUS WITH RELIGION (AGAMA). HOWEVER AT PRESENT INDICATIONS ARE MORE HOPEFUL THAN EVER THAT GOVERNMENT WILL GET A UNITARY

BILL (WHICH IS ITS MAIN DESIRE) BEFORE CURRENT SESSION ENDS AND WITHOUT UNACCEPTABLE PROTEST FROM MUSLEM RANK-AND-FILE (NOT ALL OF WHICH MAY AGREE WITH COMPROMISE WORKED OUT BY PARTY LEADERS).

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